

Special Education Programs

Information, News and Events

March 2017



Next Sped Director Call:

April 18, 2017—10 a.m. CST

There is no sped director call in March 2017 due to Sped Conference in Deadwood on March 21-22.

April Agenda:

- IDEA Budget Application
- Results Driven Accountability (RDA) Update

STAFF:

Linda Turner, Director

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“You’ll miss the best things if you keep your eyes shut!”

Dr. Seuss

Sped Program Highlights

SBAC testing window open March 8-May 5

The Smarter Balanced testing window opens March 8 for all tested grade levels (grades 3-8 and 11). Find more information on the [Department of Education website](#). Check announcements on the [Smarter Balanced portal](#) for updates or contact [Jan Martin](#) to receive email alerts.

Federal Program Highlights

Progress Reports

In Jan 2017, USED published a [Letter to Pugh](#) providing guidance on the required content of progress reports. The requirements include how annual goals will be measured and when progress reports on annual goals will be provided. It also discusses how progress reports should address a transition-aged child’s progress on measurable postsecondary goals.

DOE Program Highlights

Second public hearing on proposed certification rule changes to be held March 20

The state Board of Education will hold the second public hearing on proposed certification rule changes at its March 20 meeting in Aberdeen. Proposed rules are posted for public comment at [rules.sd.gov](#). Find more information on the [Department of Education website](#).

Professional Development

(click on the titles to go to registration site)

Catch the Wave

A one-day conference designed specifically for high school students who have a disability and are considering post-secondary education at a college or technical institute. Pre-registration is required through the TSLP coordinators.

- Mitchell—March 29
- Sioux Falls—April 4
- Aberdeen—April 5
- Watertown—April 20
- Rapid City—April 27

2017 Transition Summer Institute

The Transition Summer Institute will have a combination of general and breakout sessions. Featured speaker: Ellen Condon, Project Director of University of Montana's Rural Institute on Disability. Other presenters include teachers, parents, agencies, post-secondary disability coordinators, students, school psychologist, and others.

- Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act
- Person Center Thinking – Beginners and Advanced
- Employment Tips
- Writing Transition IEPs
- Behavior/Motivation
- Post-Secondary Education
- Utilizing Data to Improve Outcomes
- Student Panel
- Parent Involvement
- Functional Curriculum
- Native American Virtues/Leadership
- Career and Technical Education
- Pre-Employment Transition Services
- Adult Agency Connections

Features of Effective Instruction—Free, online workshops, with CEU's on evidence-based strategies that will improve your effectiveness as a teacher and increase your students' participation and performance in the classroom. The focus of the Four Features is on struggling learners and students with special needs, Grades K-12.

- SD101-Explicit and Systematic Instruction
- SD102-Scaffolding Instruction
- SD103-Multiple Opportunities to Practice and Respond
- SD104-Immediate Corrective Feedback

Culturally Responsive Institute

- June 7: Keynote Address (Open to all)
- June 9: K-12 Workshop (Open to K-12 Educators & Staff Only) ***CEU & Grad Credit

Questions? Contact Sydney.Bartunek@usd.edu

Battelle Developmental –2 (BDI-2) Training –

The Department of Education will be hosting a 2-day Battelle Developmental Inventory 2 (BDI-2) training. The primary focus will be on the administration, scoring, and interpretation of the BDI-2.

Date: April 5th and 6th, 2017 in Rapid city, SD

2017 MTSS Summer Conference

Featuring Randy Sprick and Jill Jackson, June 28-29 in Chamberlain.

Registration open now.

Learning Express is available statewide through the DOE/State Library. It is a comprehensive database of academic and career-related resources. It features skill-building tools for reading, writing, math, and science. There are test preparations for high school equivalency and college admission exams. The workplace resources include tools for job searching, exploring new careers, and preparing for occupational licensing exams...and much more! The targeted learning centers provide users of all ages with easy, one-stop access to relevant interactive tutorials, practice tests and e-books.

- **April 4, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., Sioux Falls:** Siouxland Library-Downtown Branch,
- **April 20, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., Rapid City Public Library-Downtown Branch, Room A**
- **April 21, 9:00 a.m. to Noon,, Pierre: Mac-Kay Building, Library Commons**

Daria Bossman or Kathleen Slocum if you have questions or want to register. 605-773-3131.

Summer Program 2017—SD School for the Blind and Visually Impaired

The curriculum of the Summer Program is designed for students who are blind or visually impaired with emphasis on training in the "Expanded Core Curriculum" skills area. These skill areas will focus on preparing them for independence. Experiences include:

- Assistive technology
- Career Education
- Compensatory Academic Skills
- Independent Living Skills
- Orientation and Mobility
- Recreation and Leisure
- Self-Determination Skills
- Sensory Efficiency Skills
- Social Interaction Skills



Sped Program

Feature Presentation

Congratulations to all the Parent Nominated Special Education Staff of the Year. You are all true champions for your students and we appreciate all you do! The winner will be announced at the Special Ed Conference next week.

Kathy War Bonnet-Garretson

Kathy Fairbanks- Burke School District

Carmen Heethuis-Sioux Falls Christian

Teresa Hoyt- Harrisburg

Sherry Jackson-Brookings

Angela Keller--Fredrick Area

Lori Larson --Lincoln Co (Harrisburg)

Tara Pemrick-Colman-Egan

Jody Rounseville--Custer

Matthew Paulson--Watertown

Carolyn Schuldies--Meade

On-the-Job-Trained Speech-Language Pathology Assistants

Some speech-language pathology assistants (SLPAs) working in schools have been trained on-the-job, and do not have a degree in speech-language pathology assisting. According to SDCL 36-37-19 (see below), these paraprofessionals may continue as SLPAs until July 1, 2020. After that time, all SLPAs need to have completed an accredited program in speech-language pathology assistant. If you have questions about South Dakota's SLPA training program,

Please contact Deb Flynn at deb.flynn@mitchelltech.edu, or call 605-995-7184 if you have questions.